

Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Programs, and the other announcing the availability of funds for the Precision Measurement Grants Program. This document amends the Supplementary Information for each notice to update the citation to the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements printed in the notices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For complete information about these programs and instructions for applying by paper or electronically, read the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) Notices at <http://www.grants.gov>. A paper copy of the FFO notices may be obtained by calling (301) 975-6328.

Grants Administration questions about these programs should be addressed to: Grants and Agreements Management Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology; 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 3580, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-3580; Tel: (301) 975-6328. For assistance with using grants.gov contact support@grants.gov.

For the Precision Measurement Grants Program, technical questions should be addressed to: Dr. Peter J. Mohr, Manager, NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8420, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8420, Tel: (301) 975-3217, e-mail: mohr@nist.gov.

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For the Building Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program, program questions should be addressed to Karen Perry, Building and Fire Research Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8602, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8602, Tel.: (301) 975-5910, Fax: (301) 975-4032.

For the Fire Research Grants Program, program questions should be addressed to Ms. Wanda Duffin-Ricks, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8660, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8660, Tel: (301) 975-6863, e-mail: wanda.duffin@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) recently published notices in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of funds for Small Grants Programs (January 5, 2005), the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Programs (December 27, 2004), and for the Precision Measurement Grants Program (December 27, 2004). This document amends each of these announcements by updating the citation to the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements printed in the Supplementary Information section of each notice. The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389) is applicable to

the three notices mentioned above. On the form SF-424, the applicant's 9-digit Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number must be entered in the Applicant Identifier block.

Classification

It has been determined that this rule is not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

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Hratch G. Semerjian,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 021127288-2288-01]

Announcing Approval of Withdrawal of Seventeen (17) Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce that the Secretary of Commerce has approved the withdrawal of seventeen (17) Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications.

These FIPS are being withdrawn because they are obsolete, or have not been updated to adopt current voluntary industry standards, current federal data standards, or current good practices for information security. This situation preserves obsolete standards for agency use.

Some of these FIPS adopt voluntary industry standards. Federal agencies and departments are directed by the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-113) to use technical standards that are developed in voluntary consensus standards bodies. Consequently, FIPS

that duplicate voluntary industry standards are no longer needed.

Some of these FIPS adopt data standards that are developed and used by other Federal government agencies. These FIPS have not been updated to reflect changes and modifications that have been made to the data representations. The remaining FIPS provide advisory guidance to Federal agencies on information security issues. This advisory guidance, which is not compulsory and binding, has been updated by NIST and issued in more recent recommendations and publications.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This withdrawal is effective February 8, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shirley M. Radack, telephone (301) 975-2833, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 68, Number 42, pages 10204-10205), proposing the withdrawal of seventeen Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications. The **Federal Register** notice solicited comments from the public, academic and research communities, manufacturers, voluntary standards organizations, and Federal, state, and local government organizations. In addition to being published in the **Federal Register**, the notice was posted on the NIST Web pages; information was provided about the submission of electronic comments.

Comments and questions were received from two private sector organizations or individuals, and from two federal government organizations. The comments dealt with the data representations in FIPS 55-3, Codes for Named Populated Places, Primary County Divisions, and Other Locational Entities of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Outlying Areas, and in FIPS 95-2, Codes for the Identification of Federal and Federally Assisted Organizations. These data representations will continue to be maintained by the responsible agencies when the FIPS are withdrawn, and NIST will continue to maintain links from its Web pages to the appropriate agency Web pages that provide the data representations.

NIST recommended that the Secretary approve the withdrawal of the seventeen FIPS Publications, and prepared a detailed justification document for the Secretary's review in support of that recommendation.

Following is an analysis of the comments received.

Comment: FIPS 95-2, Codes for the Identification of Federal and Federally Assisted Organizations is an extremely important document that is vital for government wide and industry wide information sharing and data organization. It is true that the document has not been updated recently, but the coding standards are still the best structure available for organizing and presenting government information by entity. There is no commercial equivalent for this data standard.

It is vital not only for industry, but also to facilitate information sharing and collaboration among government organizations that is essential to support homeland security. FIPS 95-2 should be updated and kept current, or an equivalent system be implemented, especially in this time of government restructuring and reorganization.

Response: The data representations for Federal organizations that are available on NIST's web pages have not been updated since 1999. This database of data representations for Federal organizations is maintained by the Bureau of the Census, and will continue to be available to government and private sector organizations that need to use it. NIST will maintain a link from the entry to the withdrawn FIPS 95-2 to the Bureau of the Census Web pages.

Comment: Could you provide a reference to voluntary industry standards that have replaced FIPS 55-3, Codes for Named Populated Places, Primary County Divisions, and Other Locational Entities of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Outlying Areas, and FIPS 95-2, Codes for the Identification of Federal and Federally Assisted Organizations.

Response: FIPS 55 and FIPS 95 currently provide data representations that are issued and maintained by Federal government agencies, but not by NIST.

FIPS 55 implements the provisions of ANSI X3.47-1993, and contains codes for named populated places, primary county divisions, and other locational entities of the U.S. and areas under the jurisdiction of the U.S. It also includes representations for federal government information such as postal codes, General Services Administration codes, and Bureau of the Census data. The maintenance of FIPS 55 is the responsibility of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

FIPS 95 provides data representations for Federal and Federally assisted organizations, and is maintained by the Bureau of the Census with input from the General Services Administration and the Department of Defense.

Both sets of data representations will continue to be issued and maintained by the responsible agencies when the FIPS are withdrawn. NIST plans to have links from its Web pages to the appropriate agency Web pages that provide the data representations. In addition, NIST is investigating the possibility of a voluntary industry standards committee accepting the standard data representations and assigning registration authority for the data representations to the agencies that are currently issuing and maintaining them.

This notice provides the FIPS publication number, title, and the technical specifications number for each of the seventeen FIPS Publications being withdrawn:

FIPS 8-6, Metropolitan Areas (Including MSAs, CMSAs, PMSAs, and NECMAs).

FIPS 9-1, Congressional Districts of the U.S.

FIPS 31, Guidelines for Automatic Data Processing Physical Security and Risk Management.

FIPS 48, Guidelines on Evaluation of Techniques for Automated Personal Identification.

FIPS 55-3, Codes for Named Populated Places, Primary County Divisions, and Other Locational Entities of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Outlying Areas.

FIPS 66, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes.

FIPS 73, Guidelines for Security of Computer Applications.

FIPS 83, Guideline on User Authentication Techniques for Computer Network Access Control.

FIPS 87, Guidelines for ADP Contingency Planning.

FIPS 92, Guideline for Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Codes.

FIPS 95-2, Codes for the Identification of Federal and Federally Assisted Organizations.

FIPS 102, Guideline for Computer Security Certification and Accreditation.

FIPS 112, Password Usage.

FIPS 127-2, Database Language SQL (ANSI X3.135-1992).

FIPS 159, Detail Specification for 62.5-um Core Diameter/125-um Cladding Diameter Class 1A Multimode, Graded-index Optical Waveguide Fibers.

FIPS 171, Key Management Using ANSI X9.17.

FIPS 173-1, Spatial Data Transfer Standard.

Withdrawal means that the FIPS will no longer be part of a subscription series that is provided by the National

Technical Information Service, and that NIST will no longer be able to support the standards by answering implementation questions or updating the FIPS when the voluntary industry standards are revised. NIST will continue to provide relevant information on standards and guidelines by means of electronic dissemination methods, and will keep references to the withdrawn FIPS on its FIPS Web pages.

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347), and Appendix III to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130.

Executive Order 12866: This notice has been determined to be not significant under Executive Order 12866.

Dated: February 2, 2005.

Hratch G. Semerjian,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

International Code Council: The Update Process for the International Codes

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings on U.S. Model Codes.

SUMMARY: The International Code Council (ICC), under whose auspices the International Codes ("I-Codes") are developed, maintains a process for updating these model codes based on receipt of proposals from interested individuals and organizations. The ICC's 14 separately published codes are comprehensively updated and re-published every three years with a Supplement published between each edition. The most current versions of the I-Codes are the 2003 Editions and 2004 Supplements.

Each structured 18-month code development cycle includes two separate public sessions, both open to public participation and observation. The first of the two sessions is the Code Development Hearing during which balanced committees initially review, discuss and vote on an opinion on each proposal for change to the model codes.

Attendees to this hearing are eligible to raise objection to and call for a vote of the ICC members assembled regarding the committee's opinion. The results of the Code Development Hearing are made available for public review and comment prior to the second public session. Public comments received by the ICC are published and distributed for public review. At the second session, entitled the Final Action Hearing, public comments are reviewed and discussed and final voting is conducted to determine which proposals are adopted into the I-Codes.

The purpose of this notice is to invite the public participation in the Code Development Hearing. The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of ICC is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the codes or standards referenced in the notice.

Session Dates: The Code Development Hearings of the 2004/2005 Code Development Cycle will occur on February 22-March 4, 2005, at the Millennium Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. This will be followed by the Final Action Hearings scheduled for September-October 1, 2005, at the COBO Center in Detroit, Michigan.

Proposed changes approved during this cycle, in addition to changes published in the 2004 Supplement, will constitute the 2006 Edition of the International Codes.

The agenda for the hearing as well as updates to the schedule are also posted on the ICC Web site at: <http://www.iccsafe.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Pfeiffer, PE, Vice President, Codes and Standards Development at ICC's Chicago District Office, 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, Illinois 60478; Telephone 708-799-2300, Extension 4338; e-mail mpfeiffer@iccsafe.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The ICC produces a family of Codes and Standards that are comprehensive, coordinated and are widely used across the country in the regulation of the built environment. Local, state and federal agencies use these codes and standards as the basis for developing regulations concerning new and existing construction.

The ICC code development process is initiated when proposals from interested persons—supported by written data, views, or arguments—are solicited, received and then published

in the Proposed Changes document. This document is distributed a minimum of 30 days in advance of the Code Development Hearings and serves as the agenda for that session.

At the Code Development Hearing the ICC Code Development Committee for each code or subject area of the code considers testimony and takes action on each proposal (Approval, Disapproval, or Approval as Modified). Following the Code Development Hearing results are published in a report entitled the Report of the Public Hearing, which identifies the disposition of each proposal and the reason for the committee's action. Any person wishing to comment on the committee's action may do so in the public comment period following the first hearing. Comments received are published and distributed in a document called the Final Action Agenda which serves as the agenda for the second hearing. Proposals which are approved by a vote of the Governmental Members of ICC at the second hearing (Final Action Hearing) are incorporated in either the Supplement or Edition, as applicable, with the next 18-month cycle starting with the submittal deadline for proposals.

Proponents of proposals automatically receive a copy of all documents (Proposed Changes, Report of the Public Hearing and Final Action Agenda). Interested parties may also request a copy, free of charge, by downloading the "return coupon" from the ICC Web site at <http://www.iccsafe.org> and sending it in as directed.

The International Codes consist of the following:

- International Building Code;
- ICC Electrical Code;
- International Energy Conservation Code;
- International Existing Building Code;
- International Fire Code;
- International Fuel Gas Code;
- International Mechanical Code;
- ICC Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities;
- International Plumbing Code;
- International Private Sewage Disposal Code;
- International Property Maintenance Code;
- International Residential Code;
- International Urban-Wildland Interface Code; and
- International Zoning Code.

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